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(S) PHILIP S. FONER

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Washington Field recently requested that Boston further identify PHILIP S. FONER of Rural Route 1, Box 750, Weld, Maine.

Review of the New England Telephone directory covering Weld, Maine, failed to reflect any telephone listing identical with captioned subject.

Review of records, Division of Motor Vehicles, State of Maine, failed to reflect any record identifiable with PHILIP S. FONER. Division of Motor Vehicles records do reflect a JACK D. FONER, date of birth 12/14/10, residing at 3 Greylock Road, Waterville, Maine.

Review of Boston indices re PHILIP S. FONER failed to reflect any information identifiable with same. Review of Boston indices regarding JACK D. FONER, DOB 12/14/10 reflect Boston file 100-41966 (Bufile 100-110586) captioned JACOB FONER, aka Jack Donald Foner, SM-C, wherein FONER who was in 1971 employed as an Associate Professor of History at Colby College, Waterville,

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Maine, was described (at least in the past) as a member of the Communist Party in New York. Investigation in the JACOB FONER matter reflects that he has a twin brother, name not identified, residing in Maine. Review of indices at Boston not completed.

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WASHINGTON FIELD

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will review general and ELSUR indices regarding PHILIP S. FONER, date of birth 12/14/10, a resident of Weld, Maine.

REQUEST OF FBIHQ

The Bureau is requested to review its general indices regarding PHILIP S. FONER, date of birth 12/14/10, a present day resident of Weld, Maine.

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PHILIP SHELDON FONER, aka Philip S. Foner,

Dr. Philip Foner

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Title Marked "Changed" to reveal true name and alias of PHILIP S. FONER.

Reference Boston airtel to Bureau and WFO, dated February 17, 1984.

Enclosed for Boston Division is two 1971, passport photograph of subject.

As per request, WFO general and ELSUR indices were searched and revealed that PHILIP S. FONER was a subject of a 1946, Security Matter case. FONER was a guest speaker to

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"Lincoln Anniversary Forum" held by the WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE BOOKSHOP. FONER was listed as Dr. PHILIP FONER, Editor of "Complete Writings of Thomas Paine."

WASHINGTON COOPERATIVE BOOKSHOP, which no longer exists, was cited by the Attorney General as coming within the purview of Executive Order 9835.

In September, 1958, FONER made out a request form for a visa to travel on a business trip to England, France and Italy. Passport Office revealed the following information regarding PHILIP S. FONER:

Date of Birth:	December 14, 1910
Place of Birth:	New York, New York
Present Address:	Mountain Trail, Croton-on-Hudson, New York
Passport Number:	1237278
Date Issued:	September 19, 1958, valid for two years.
Height:	5'7"
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Brown
Occupation:	Wholesale book seller

Application further revealed that length of business trip was for six (6) weeks for the purpose of purchasing books and for pleasure.

Passport file for FONER revealed that he listed his father as ABRAHAM FONER, born at Bielsk, Russia, in 1884, immigrated to the United States in 1904, naturalized in New York City, New York, on July 25, 1911. Mother was listed as MARY FONER, born in Vilna, Russia, in 1880, immigrated to the United States in 1900, resided in the United States from 1900 to 1952, acquired citizenship by marriage and at the time of the application was residing with her husband. FONER stated he was married to ROSLYN HELD, born June 17, 1913, in New York, New York.

On November of 1961, FONER requested for himself and his wife, permission to visit Cuba to engage in research at the ARCHIVO NACIONAL in connection to a book which he was writing on dealing with the history of Cuba and its relations with Spain and the United States. His request did not present evidence of a compelling nature justifying such validation at that time.

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On June 10, 1964, Special Agents of the FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION (FBI) observed FONER to enter the SOVIET EMBASSY at 12:33 p.m. and depart at 12:47 p.m. At time of departure subject proceeded to the SHOREHAM HOTEL, Washington, D.C., to attend the AMERICAN BOOKSELLERS ASSOCIATION Exhibit where he entered a booth captioned "CITADEL PRESS, 222 Park Avenue, New York, New York". Identification card fully identified FONER as PHILIP SHELDON FONER.

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Again request was denied by USDS.

File disclosed that FONER made numerous request to visit Communist-bloc countries namely Cuba, North Vietnam, USSR and Hungary for research purposes.

On June 10, 1969, FONER made a request to travel for research in England, Germany, and Hungary. Trip was to extend for a twelve month period and that he expected to take an additional trip abroad within one year.

At that time of that request, FONER listed his address as 293 South Fourth Street, Oxford, Pennsylvania. His occupation was listed as "Professor of History, LINCOLN UNIVERSITY, Pennsylvania.

Under travel plans, FONER stated he planned to depart on December 17, 1971, via air, for a six week "Pleasure-Research" trip to Israel. Passport B-2288346 was issued to PHILIP S. FONER on December 8, 1971, at New York, New York, valid only for travel to Israel.

Since no further data is obtainable, WFO is placing this matter in an RUC status.



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Records, Division of Motor Vehicles, State of Maine, reflect that PHILIP S. FONER, date of birth December 14, 1910, of Webb Lake, Weld, Maine, was formerly licensed to operate a motor vehicle in the State of Maine. Division of Motor Vehicle records also reflect operators licenses, expired 1978, for JACK D. FONER, date of birth December 14, 1910, and LIZA K. FONER, date of birth July 13, 1909, both last of Waterville, Maine.

A review of records available to the Federal Bureau of Investigation reflects that twins, PHILIP SHELDON FONER and JACOB FONER, also known as JACK DONALD FONER, were born on December 14, 1910, in Manhattan, New York, the sons of ABRAHAM FONER, who was born in 1884 in Bielsk, Russia, (naturalized at New York City on July 25, 1911) and MARY FONER, nee SMITH who was born September 22, 1881, in Vilna, Russia. PHILIP S. FONER married ROSLYN HELD who was born June 17, 1913, in New York, New York. JACK D. FONER (FBI #519-161B) married LOUISE KREITZ, also known as LIZA KREITZ, who was born July 13, 1909, in New York, New York.

PHILIP S. FONER, JACK D. FONER, both as identified above, and their brothers MORRIS FONER and HENRY FONER have come to the attention of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with their making pro-communist statements and/or association with pro-communist causes. PHILIP S. FONER was formerly a Professor of

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PHILIP SHELDON FONER

History at Lincoln University (Philadelphia), Pennsylvania. JACK D. FONER was in 1970 listed as Associate Professor of History at Colby College, Waterville, Maine. In New York, JACK FONER was for many years self-employed as a book distributor at Foner Distributing Company, that business located at his then residence, 667 Lincoln Boulevard, Long Beach, New York.

PHILIP S. FONER is, as of August, 1977, described in the book "The Great Labor Uprising of 1877," a Monad Press Book distributed by Pathfinder Press, 410 West Street, New York, 10014, as the Independence Foundation Professor at Lincoln University, Pennsylvania. The following is a bibliography of works attributed to PHILIP S. FONER together with the preface to "The Great Labor Uprising of 1877" and the book cover flap information regarding "The Black Panthers Speak" and "Women and the American Labor Movement."

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**BY PHILIP S. FONER**

History of the Labor Movement in the United States (4 vols.)  
The Life and Writings of Frederick Douglass (5 vols.)  
A History of Cuba and Its Relations with the United States  
(2 vols.)  
The Complete Writings of Thomas Paine (2 vols.)  
Business and Slavery: The New York Merchants and  
the Irrepressible Conflict  
W. E. B. Du Bois Speaks (2 vols.)  
The Fur and Leather Workers Union  
Jack London: American Rebel  
Mark Twain: Social Critic  
The Jews in American History: 1654-1865  
The Case of Joe Hill  
The Letters of Joe Hill  
The Bolshevik Revolution: Its Impact on  
American Radicals, Liberals, and Labor  
American Labor and the War in Indochina  
Helen Keller: Her Socialist Years  
The Autobiographies of the Haymarket Martyrs  
The Black Panthers Speak  
The Basic Writings of Thomas Jefferson  
The Voice of Black America: Major Speeches of  
Negroes in the United States, 1797-1973 (2 vols.)  
The Spanish-Cuban-American War and the Birth of  
American Imperialism, 1895-1902 (2 vols.)  
When Karl Marx Died: Comments in 1883  
Organized Labor and the Black Worker, 1619-1973  
American Labor Songs of the Nineteenth Century  
Labor and the American Revolution  
We the Other People: Alternative Declarations of Independence  
by Labor Groups, Farmers, Women's Rights Advocates,  
Socialists, and Blacks  
Formation of the Workingmen's Party of the United States  
The Democratic-Republican Societies, 1790-1800  
Inside the Monster: José Martí on the  
United States and American Imperialism  
Our America: José Martí on Latin America and  
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The Factory Girls  
The Great Labor Uprising of 1877  
American Socialism and Black Americans:  
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# THE BLACK PANTHERS SPEAK

Published in 1970

Edited by Philip S. Foner

Illustrated with cartoons by Emory and others

To the average white American, the Black Panther Party means one thing—an anarchistic band of gun-toting, white-hating thugs. This is hardly surprising. From the Party's inception in 1966, the Panthers have been the target of a campaign of vilification. Law enforcement officers, government agencies, and politicians have been outspoken in their damnation. Moreover, the mass media have produced vast quantities of misinformation about the organization while seemingly maintaining a nationwide conspiracy of silence in regard to its real philosophy.

THE BLACK PANTHERS SPEAK is an attempt to rectify that situation. Here, for the first time in one volume, are the most representative—the most important—writings drawn from *The Black Panther* and other sources. Here are the words of Minister of Defense Huey P. Newton, Chairman Bobby Seale (including his encounter with Judge Julius Hoffman), Minister of Information Eldridge Cleaver, Communications Secretary Kathleen Cleaver, Chief of Staff David Hilliard, and others. Among the subjects covered are the Party positions on white radicals, communism, the power structure and the police, and black sepa-

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ratism. There are discussions of the Panthers' controversial breakfast programs, their neighborhood clinics and liberation schools. Among several important documents given is the full text of the answer of the New York Panther 21 to Judge Murtagh. All together, these writings constitute a unique history of the Party and the vital role it has played in the whole black liberation movement.

Counsel to the Black Panthers, Charles R. Garry, has written an analysis of the persecution of the Party, and the prominent black Georgia legislator, Julian Bond, has provided a preface.

No reader will come away from this volume without knowing exactly what the Black Panthers stand for and what the issues are. These are voices that cannot be denied.

Philip S. Foner received his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University in 1940. He has taught at the College of the City of New York and is now Professor of Black History at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. Among many other works, he is the editor of the four-volume *Life and Writings of Frederick Douglass* and the two-volume *W. E. Du Bois Speaks*, and the author of *History of the Labor Movement in the United States*. Dr. Foner is a member of the Board of Editors of the *Journal of Negro History*.

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# WOMEN AND THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT

From Colonial Times to the Eve of World War I

**PHILIP S. FONER**

Published in 1979

American working women are "the slaves of slaves," Lucy Parsons told the founding convention of the Industrial Workers of the World in 1905. They had to fight not only against the bosses but against the hostility of male workers and union leaders. But by joining male strikers on the barricades, by the "great rebellion" of women workers in the needle trades in 1909 and their role in such important struggles as the Lawrence strike in 1912, and by the force of such colorful personalities as Harriet Tubman, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, and Mother Jones, women battered down the gates of organized labor at critical stages in American history and made significant contributions to the entire labor movement.

Philip Foner's powerful study is the first comprehensive history of the American working woman based primarily on original sources. The result is not only authoritative history, but gripping drama. Here are the voices of real women, blending heroism and fear, love and hatred, tenderness and rage. We also meet the men they fought against, and those they fought beside, as the book describes such critical events as the struggle for the eight-hour day, the notorious Triangle Shirtwaist fire, relations between women suffragists and unionists, the rise of the National Women's Trade Union League, and much more.

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Foner tracks the progress of the working woman from colonial times through the industrial revolution and the first unions of factory women, to the organizing drives of the Knights of Labor, the American Federation of Labor, the Industrial Workers of the World, and the National Women's Trade Union League; he ends with a look at the status of women on the eve of World War I, which brought profound changes in the opportunities and expectations of females in the labor force.

Here is a book to inform and inspire trade union members, students of history and women's studies, and working women everywhere. It does full justice at last to the neglected role of women in the American labor movement.

PHILIP S. FONER is among the most knowledgeable, and most prolific, writers in the field of American history. His more than forty published books include *Jews in American History*, *The Life and Writings of Frederick Douglass* (in five volumes), *History of the Labor Movement in the United States* (four volumes), *Organized Labor and the Black Worker*, biographies of Jack London and Mark Twain, collections of the speeches and/or writings of Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, George Washington, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Thomas Paine, Joe Hill, the Haymarket Martyrs, the Black Panthers, W.E.B. DuBois, and Paul Robeson, and several books dealing with women, including *The Factory Girls* and *Frederick Douglass on Women's Rights*. He has lectured and taught all over the world, including Cuba and the U.S.S.R. A Columbia Ph.D., he was formerly Educational Director of the International Fur and Leather Workers Union and for several years was publisher and editor of *The Citadel Press*. Professor of history at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, Foner is currently working on a second volume of *Women and the American Labor Movement* that will carry the story from World War I to the present.

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